## § 4359b. Research priorities

#### (a) Research priorities

Gallaudet University and the National Technical Institute for the Deaf shall each establish and disseminate priorities for their national mission with respect to deafness related research, development, and demonstration activities, that reflect public input, through a process that includes consumers, constituent groups, and the heads of other federally funded programs. The priorities for the University shall include activities conducted as part of the University's elementary and secondary education programs under section 4304 of this title.

#### (b) Research reports

The University and NTID shall each prepare and submit an annual research report, to the Secretary, the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate, not later than January 10 of each year, that shall include—

(1) a summary of the public input received as part of the establishment and dissemination of priorities required by subsection (a) of this section, and the University's and NTID's response to the input; and

(2) a summary description of the research undertaken by the University and NTID, the start and projected end dates for each research project, the projected cost and source or sources of funding for each project, and any products resulting from research completed in the prior fiscal year.

(Pub. L. 99–371, title II, §210, as added Pub. L. 105–244, title IX, §923, Oct. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1832; amended Pub. L. 110–315, title IX, §912, Aug. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 3455.)

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 210 of Pub. L. 99–371 was renumbered section 209 and is classified to section 4359a of this title.

Another prior section 210 of title II of Pub. L. 99–371, formerly title IV, \$410, Aug. 4, 1986, 100 Stat. 794; renumbered title II, \$210, Pub. L. 102–241, title I, \$101(b)(5), (6), Oct. 16, 1992, 106 Stat. 2151, repealed sections 681 to 685, 691 to 691g, 693 to 693b, and 695 to 695c of this title and provisions set out as notes under sections 681 and 693 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102–421, title I, \$139, Oct. 16, 1992, 106 Stat. 2163.

#### AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 110–315 substituted "Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate" for "Committee on Education and the Workforce of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Labor and Human Resources of the Senate".

## Change of Name

Committee on Education and Labor of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Education and the Workforce of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 5, One Hundred Twelfth Congress, Jan. 5, 2011.

# EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 1998, except as otherwise provided in Pub. L. 105-244, see section 3 of Pub. L. 105-244, set out as an Effective Date of 1998 Amendment note under section 1001 of this title.

# § 4360. National study on the education of the deaf

## (a) Conduct of study

#### (1) In general

The Secretary shall establish a commission on the education of the deaf (in this section referred to as the "commission") to conduct a national study on the education of the deaf, to identify education-related barriers to successful postsecondary education experiences and employment for individuals who are deaf, and those education-related factors that contribute to successful postsecondary education experiences and employment for individuals who are deaf.

### (2) Definition

In this section the term "deaf", when used with respect to an individual, means an individual with a hearing impairment, including an individual who is hard of hearing, an individual deafened later in life, and an individual who is profoundly deaf.

## (b) Public input and consultation

#### (1) In general

In conducting such study, the commission shall obtain input from the public. To obtain such input, the commission shall—

- (A) publish a notice with an opportunity for comment in the Federal Register;
- (B) consult with individuals and organizations representing a wide range of perspectives on deafness-related issues, including organizations representing individuals who are deaf, parents of children who are deaf, educators, and researchers; and
- (C) take such other action as the commission deems appropriate, which may include holding public meetings.

## (2) Structured opportunities

The commission shall provide structured opportunities to receive and respond to the viewpoints of the individuals and organizations described in paragraph (1)(B).

#### (c) Report

The commission shall report to the Secretary and Congress not later than 18 months after August 14, 2008, regarding the results of the study. The report shall contain—

- (1) recommendations relating to educatedrelated factors that contribute to successful postsecondary education experiences and employment for individuals who are deaf, including recommendations for legislation, that the commission deems appropriate; and
- (2) a detailed summary of the input received under subsection (b) of this section and the ways in which the report addresses such input.

# (d) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2009 and 2010 to carry out the provisions of this section.

(Pub. L. 99–371, title II, §211, as added Pub. L. 105–244, title IX, §924, Oct. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1832; amended Pub. L. 110–315, title IX, §913, Aug. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 3455.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 4360, Pub. L. 99–371, title II,  $\S211$ , formerly title IV,  $\S411$ , Aug. 4, 1986, 100 Stat. 794; renumbered title II,  $\S211$ , and amended Pub. L. 102–421, title I,  $\S2101$ (b)(5), (6), 140, 151(a)(4), Oct. 16, 1992, 106 Stat. 2151, 2163, 2164; Pub. L. 103–73, title II,  $\S204$ (i), Aug. 11, 1993, 107 Stat. 735, authorized appropriations for this chapter, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105–244,  $\S3$ , title IX,  $\S923$ , Oct. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1585, 1832, effective Oct. 1, 1998. See section 4360a of this title.

#### AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 110–315,  $\S913(a)$ , inserted "establish a commission on the education of the deaf (in this section referred to as the 'commission') to" after "The Secretary shall".

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 110-315, §913(b), substituted "commission" for "Secretary" wherever appearing.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 110-315, §913(c)(1), in introductory provisions, substituted "commission shall report to the Secretary and Congress not later than 18 months after August 14, 2008" for "Secretary shall report to Congress not later than 18 months after October 7, 1998".

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 110-315, §913(c)(2), substituted "recommendations relating to educated-related factors that contribute to successful postsecondary education experiences and employment for individuals who are deaf, including" for "recommendations, including" and "commission" for "Secretary".

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 110-315, \$913(d), substituted "such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2009 and 2010" for "\$1,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1999 and 2000".

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 1998, except as otherwise provided in Pub. L. 105–244, see section 3 of Pub. L. 105–244, set out as an Effective Date of 1998 Amendment note under section 1001 of this title.

#### § 4360a. Authorization of appropriations

#### (a) Gallaudet University

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2009 through 2014 to carry out the provisions of subchapter I of this chapter and this subchapter, relating to—

- (1) Gallaudet University;
- (2) Kendall Demonstration Elementary School; and
- (3) the Model Secondary School for the Deaf.

## (b) National Technical Institute for the Deaf

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2009 through 2014 to carry out the provisions of subchapter I of this chapter and this subchapter relating to the National Technical Institute for the Deaf.

(Pub. L. 99–371, title II, §212, as added Pub. L. 105–244, title IX, §925, Oct. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1833; amended Pub. L. 110–315, title IX, §914, Aug. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 3455.)

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to this section were contained in section 4360 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-244.

# AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110–315, §914(1), substituted "fiscal years 2009 through 2014" for "fiscal years 1998 through 2003" in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 110-315, §914(2), substituted "fiscal years 2009 through 2014" for "fiscal years 1998 through 2003".

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 1998, except as otherwise provided in Pub. L. 105–244, see section 3 of Pub. L. 105–244, set out as an Effective Date of 1998 Amendment note under section 1001 of this title.

# § 4361. Supervision of public business of Gallaudet University

The Secretary of Education is charged with the supervision of public business relating to Gallaudet University.

(R.S. §441; Mar. 4, 1911, ch. 285, §1, 36 Stat. 1422; 1940 Reorg. Plan No. IV, §11, eff. June 30, 1940, 5 F.R. 2421, 54 Stat. 1234; 1953 Reorg. Plan No. 1, eff. Apr. 11, 1953, 18 F.R. 2053, 67 Stat. 631; June 18, 1954, ch. 324, §1, 68 Stat. 265; Oct. 17, 1979, Pub. L. 96–88, title III, §301(a)(2)(M), title V, §507, 93 Stat. 677, 692; Aug. 4, 1986, Pub. L. 99–371, title I, §101(a), 100 Stat. 781.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was not enacted as part of the Education of the Deaf Act of 1986, which comprises this chapter.

Section was formerly classified to section 691h of this title.

#### CHANGE OF NAME

Pursuant to section 101(a) of Pub. L. 99–371, which is classified to section 4301(a) of this title, "Gallaudet University" was substituted in text for "Gallaudet College" which had been substituted in text for "Columbia Institution for the Deaf" pursuant to section 1 of act June 18, 1954, which was formerly classified to section 691 of this title. Previously, act Mar. 4, 1911, ch. 285, 36 Stat. 1422, had redesignated the "Columbia Institution for the Deaf and Dumb" as the "Columbia Institution for the Deaf".

#### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

"Secretary of Education" substituted in text for "Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare" pursuant to sections 301(a)(2)(M) and 507 of Pub. L. 96-88, which are classified to sections 3441(a)(2)(M) and 3507 of this title and which transferred to Secretary of Education functions of Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare under laws relating to relationship between Gallaudet College [now Gallaudet University] and Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Functions of Federal Security Administrator transferred to Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare and all agencies of Federal Security Agency transferred to Department of Health, Education, and Welfare by section 5 of Reorg. Plan No. 1 of 1953, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees. Federal Security Agency and office of Administrator abolished by section 8 of Reorg. Plan No. 1 of

Functions of Department of the Interior relating to administration of Columbia Institution for the Deaf transferred to Federal Security Agency to be administered under direction and supervision of Federal Security Administrator by \$11(d) of 1940 Reorg. Plan No. IV, set out in the Appendix to Title 5.

# § 4362. Purchases through General Services Administration

On and after September 8, 1978, Gallaudet University and the National Technical Institute for the Deaf are authorized to make purchases through the General Services Administration.

(Pub. L. 95–355, title I, §100, Sept. 8, 1978, 92 Stat. 531; Pub. L. 99–371, title I, §101(a), Aug. 4, 1986, 100 Stat. 781.)